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S. 1569

To expand our Nation’s Advanced Practice Registered Nurse workforce.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3, 2009

Ms. STABENOW introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Graduate
5 Nursing Education Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE PAYMENT FOR COSTS OF EXPANDED AD-**
7 **VANCED PRACTICE NURSE TRAINING PRO-**
8 **GRAMS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(v) of the Social Se-
10 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(v)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the
2 following new subparagraph:

3 “(V) Such reasonable costs shall include hospital
4 costs described in paragraph (9) for expanded advanced
5 nurse practice training programs.”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following new
7 paragraph:

8 “(9)(A) For purposes of paragraph (1)(V), subject to
9 subparagraphs (B) and (C), the costs described in this
10 paragraph are educational costs (including faculty sala-
11 ries, student stipends (if any), clinical instruction costs,
12 and other direct and indirect costs) of a hospital and affili-
13 ated schools and settings described in clause (ii) attrib-
14 utable to the training of advanced practice nurses—

15 “(i) with the skills necessary to provide primary
16 and preventive care, transitional care, chronic care
17 management, and other nursing services appropriate
18 for the population under this title; and

19 “(ii) through affiliation with one or more ac-
20 credited schools of nursing (as defined in section
21 801 of the Public Health Service Act) and in part-
22 nership with two or more non-hospital community-
23 based care settings where at least half of all clinical
24 training occurs.

1 The Secretary may waive the community-based setting re-
2 quirement under clause (ii) for clinical training of ad-
3 vanced practice registered nurses, such as certified reg-
4 istered nurse anesthetists and certified nurse-midwives, in
5 rural and medically underserved areas.

6 “(B) Costs under this paragraph are limited to costs
7 attributable to an increase in the enrollment and the num-
8 ber of advanced practice nurse graduates in each edu-
9 cation or training program over the comparable average
10 number from 2006 to 2010 (as determined by the Sec-
11 retary) but shall not be offset or take into account tuition,
12 fees, or State or local government appropriations. The pro-
13 portion of such costs paid under this paragraph shall be
14 determined based on the proportion of the total inpatient
15 days of the hospital attributable to this title.

16 “(C) No payment shall be made under this paragraph
17 to a hospital unless the hospital has in effect an agreement
18 with the schools of nursing and settings described in sub-
19 paragraph (A)(ii) to pay from such payment to such a
20 school or setting (through the school when the setting is
21 arranged through the school) the costs of educational ac-
22 tivities described in subparagraph (A) attributable to each.

23 “(D) In this paragraph, the term ‘advanced practice
24 nurse’ includes a clinical nurse specialist, nurse practi-

1 tioner, certified registered nurse anesthetist, and certified
2 nurse midwife.”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 subsection (a) shall apply to costs incurred on or after
5 January 1, 2012.

